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CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

GREGORY S. TRENTACOSTA, D.C.
LICENSE NO.: MC5213

TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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: Administrative Action

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: **FINAL CONSENT ORDER**
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of allegations that the Respondent, Gregory S. Trentacosta, D.C., had engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with and sexual penetration of a patient at his offices located at Innate Chiropractic, 1341 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, New Jersey. The Respondent was arrested by Wayne Township Police on December 18, 2003 and charged with sexual assault in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(c)(1). On January 29, 2004, the Board filed an Interim Consent Order pursuant to which the Respondent voluntarily surrendered his chiropractic license

pending resolution of the criminal charges against the Respondent and Final Order of the Board. On or about May 26, 2004, Respondent pled guilty in the Passaic County Superior Court, Law Division, Criminal Part, to committing an act of sexual penetration with another person where the victim did not sustain severe personal injury, contrary to N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(c)(1), a second-degree offense and Respondent was admitted into the Passaic County Pre-Trial Intervention Program. The Board finds that Respondent, Gregory S. Trentacosta, D.C., engaged in professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and N.J.A.C. 13:44E-2.3.

In lieu of further proceedings, Respondent and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners have agreed to the form and entry of the within Order.

Accordingly, IT IS on this 2 day of July, 2004

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent, Gregory S. Trentacosta, D.C.'s license to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey shall be hereby actively suspended for a minimum of three years, commencing on the date Respondent surrendered his chiropractic license, January 29, 2004;

2. Respondent shall not represent himself as a chiropractor or take any steps to renew his license nor engage in any service within the scope of chiropractic during the suspension period;

3. Respondent shall, at his own expense, undergo immediate psychological evaluation by *PATRICIA SERMABEKIAN, L.C.S.W.*, a Board-approved psychotherapist and comply with any conditions or recommendations made by *HER*. At a minimum, Respondent shall commence weekly psychotherapy with *MS. SERMABEKIAN* for a period of time recommended by *HER*. Respondent shall waive any confidentiality associated with the treatment to the extent necessary to allow full reporting regarding the progress and nature of psychotherapy to be made to the Board. The psychotherapist shall submit quarterly reports to the Board concerning the progress of the Respondent in psychotherapy and shall provide immediate report to the Board in the event that Respondent fails to engage in the recommended psychotherapy or otherwise fails to comply with any conditions placed on him by the Board;

4. Respondent shall take and successfully complete, at his own expense, a Board-approved professional ethics course. Board-approved courses include either Professional Renewal in Medicine through Ethics ("PRIM-E") sponsored by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey or The Professional/Problem Based Ethics Program ("ProBE") sponsored by The Ethics Group in Summit, New Jersey. Respondent shall demonstrate successful completion of either course, including attending all sessions, appropriately completing all assignments and receiving a passing grade without reservation. Respondent shall submit to the Board an assessment

and certificate of completion issued by one of the afore-mentioned programs prior to application of reinstatement of his license;


5. Respondent's license to practice shall be subject to revocation in the event that the Board receives reports or any reliable information revealing that Respondent has engaged in any practice other than sanctioned above or has failed to comply with any of the requirements or conditions set forth above or with the requirements imposed upon him in the criminal proceeding;

6. At the conclusion of three years' active suspension as set forth herein, Respondent may apply for license reinstatement provided only that there is no sister-state disciplinary action, outstanding criminal action, PTI or criminal probation in effect at that time. If Respondent is released from the PTI program prior to January 29, 2007 based on a demonstration of rehabilitation by Respondent, Respondent may apply to the Board at that time for consideration for license reinstatement; however, the Board is not obligated to reinstate Respondent's license by reason of his release from PTI. Said application shall be in writing and shall contain the following: proof that Respondent successfully completed criminal probation and there is no outstanding criminal action against him; proof that there is no sister-state licensing board disciplinary investigation or final action against him; an updated written report from the Board-approved psychotherapist indicating an opinion about whether the Respondent is fit, competent and

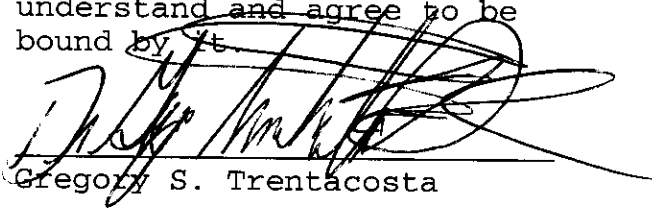
sufficiently rehabilitated to reenter chiropractic practice. Respondent may also be required to provide such other information and documentation as needed. The burden shall be on the Respondent to demonstrate to the Board's satisfaction that he is fit, competent and sufficiently rehabilitated to reenter chiropractic practice. If the Board determines that Respondent's license shall be restored, Respondent agrees to be placed on probation in accordance with such conditions and restrictions as may be determined by the Board at that time.

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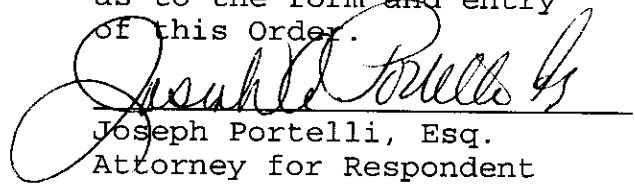
By:


Thomas Senatore, D.C.
President

I have read the Order. I understand and agree to be bound by it.


Gregory S. Trentacosta

Consent is hereby given as to the form and entry of this Order.


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